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COMMON FUND

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1. CHARGE AND E/C COUNS CALLED ON MINISTER OF TRADE PRAWIRO
AUGUST 29 TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING ASEAN
FOLLOW UP. PRAWIRO WAS EXCEEDINGLY PLEASED WITH WASHINGTON
MEETING WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS MOST EFFECTIVE. HE SAID THERE
HAD BEEN A GOOD REACTION WITHIN GOI TO THE ENTIRE EVENT
AND HE PRAISED GREAT EFFORTS WHICH WASHINGTON HAD EXERTED
IN ORGANIZING THE MEETING. HE FELT THAT THE EVENT HAD
GIVEN ASEAN A MAGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY ITS
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MESSAGE TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE U.S. AND THAT THIS
WAS MUCH APPRECIATED BY EVERYONE. HE NOTED IMPORTANCE OF
EXPOSURE TO CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AND HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL
SUPPORT WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN TO CONTINUATION OF COMMON
FUND NEGOTIATIONS. INDONESIA, HE SAID, HAD HARBORED NO
ILLUSIONS ABOUT ANY SPECIAL SURPRISES FROM THE U.S. AND
THUS THEIR EXPECTATIONS FOR THE WASHINGTON SESSIONS WERE

FULLY MET. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR U.S. PUBLIC STATEMENTS DURING MEETING THAT ASEAN IS A VIABLE AND IMPORTANT ENTITY. AS HAD FOREIGN DEPARTMENT DIRGEN DARUSMAN EARLIER, PRAWIRO EPILORED ON THE OTHER HAND PUBLIC STATEMENTS SUCH AS RAJARATNAM INDICATING THAT ASEAN BELONGED IN U.S. CAMP.

2. AS FOR COMMON FUND, PRAWIRO SAID THAT BOTH SIDES SHOULD WORK HARD TO FIND A COMPROMISE BEFORE THE NEXT UNCTAD MEETING. HIS BELIEF THAT THE U.S. WAS MOVING CLOSER TOWARDS SUCH A COMPROMISE WAS REINFORCED BY DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT DURING VISIT LAST WEEK IN JAKARTA BY FRG ECONOMIC MINISTER LAMBSDORFF.

3. PRAWIRO WAS INFORMED ABOUT ASEAN CONSULTATIONS WITH DAS HORMATS ON SEPTEMBER 1 AND 2 IN GENEVA. HE NOTED THAT PRESIDENT SUHARTO HAD ALREADY GIVEN HIS APPROVAL FOR INDONESIA'S PARTICIPATION IN THESE CONSULTATIONS AND INDICATED THAT SOME THOUGHT WAS BEING GIVEN TO DELEGATING FORMER AMBASSADOR ALEX ALATAS, NOW SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO VICE PRESIDENT MALIK, TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE COMMON FUND NEGOTIATIONS. PRAWIRO WAS NOT CERTAIN, HOWEVER, WHETHER ALATAS WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WITH HORMATS IN GENEVA.
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